

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/656,160

PATENT APPLICATION
Atty. Docket No. A8617

REMARKS

Claims 6 – 8 and 17 – 19 are herein cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 – 5, 9 – 16 and 20 – 23 are presently pending.

To expedite allowance of this application Applicant has amended the independent claims with subject matter noted by the Examiner as allowable. Applicant so amends without prejudice or disclaimer for the sole purpose of speeding the application to issue.

As to the Examiner's rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicant asserts that the instant amendments correct for any antecedent basis issues.

As to the Examiner's objections to the drawings, Applicant herewith has amended the dependent claims, obviating the instant objection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

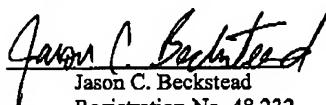
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